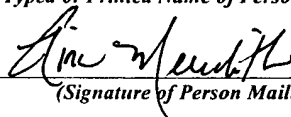


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed February 23, 2006 (the "Office Action"), the Examiner set forth a Restriction Requirement that identified what the Examiner has characterized as two (2) distinct inventions. In particular, the Examiner suggested in the Office Action that the present application contains claims directed to the following two inventions:

- I. - Claims 1-16, drawn to an optical subassembly, classified in class 385, subclass 88+; and
- II. - Claims 17-26, drawn to a method for manufacturing a fiber optic component, classified in class 65, subclass 386+.

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects Invention I, (claims 1-16) without traverse.

Applicant notes that while the Examiner has characterized claims 24-26, among others, as being directed to a "method," claim 24 is directed to a "fiber optic component," claim 25 is directed to a "transceiver" and claim 26 is directed to an "optical subassembly."

Applicant notes further that while the election set forth herein is made without traverse, the mere fact that no traverse is made should not be construed as an assessment or judgment by the Applicant as to the merits, if any, of the characterization of the claims and inventions advanced by the Examiner in the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action; or, any other assertions, allegations, statements or characterizations made by the Examiner in that restriction requirement.

An action on the merits of elected claims 1-16 and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

DATED this 20TH day of March 2006.

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